

Wichita Daily Eagle

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Mme. Patti will come to Kansas City. A local paper announces her as a "contralto."

The latest from Hill is that "he cursed a blue streak." But the call for the early convention still stands unaltered.

It is said that Mr. Hill locks himself up eight hours a day to devote intense thought to a study entitled: "The Probable Dangers of Previousness."

David Bennett Hill's boom has come to a dead stop, and in all probability it will turn off the power and look, he will find that his trolley has slipped off.

Ward McAllister recently wrote a brilliant screed on how to live on \$187,000 a year. Mr. McAllister is really making himself disagreeable in his social stinging.

There are 40,000 women studying in the various colleges of America; and yet it is only twenty-five years since the first college in the land was opened to women.

The governor of Arizona doesn't wait for the nation to reform things; he simply goes ahead on his own hook. He pardoned seven murderers in a single week.

The project for a submarine cable to Hawaii will be looked upon as a hazardous enterprise if the cable is to be made to transmit messages in the Hawaiian language.

If the Republican party had come up to the standard of the Eagle during the past three years on the railroad, and other questions there would have been no Alliance party in Kansas.

The News declares that influenza and riding in street cars are the chief dangers menacing Chicago civilization just now. But the combined agencies are making a boom for the nudistakers.

It may be that David Hill has forgotten to grease the gilt rooster at the top of his lightning rod and does not know that the wind is not blowing in his direction. He doesn't recall to the call.

The last speech with which Queen Victoria opened parliament is the shortest she ever made. She has seen so much of parliaments that she probably had some reluctance in opening it at all.

There is a war on in the east against the slow music at the theatres. The coming actor, if he has to die will have to do it without the help of the violinist. It has always been believed that while slow music did not kill "little Eva," it helped her to die.

Kansas will next week storm St. Louis. Within the last year Alliance delegations from this state have dropped their cash in Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Washington and Chicago. If the Alliance is a Kansas party and has the interest of the state at heart, why don't it have its conventions in Kansas and increase the circulation?

Mr. Hill had better take warning and be careful how he acts. He has shown himself already to be a Samson strong enough to pull down the pillars of the Democratic temple, but the next time he exerts himself in that direction he will, in all probability, like Samson, of old, bring about his own destruction. He will never be president.

It is a very ill malady which brings nobody any good. It is reported that a man at Prescott, Ariz., had the asthma for six years, during which time he was never able to sleep at night except in a sitting posture. He took the grip a few weeks ago, and when he recovered from it his asthma was gone. Asthmatic sufferers hereabouts need not make any strenuous efforts to catch the grip, however; it will find them.

The Kansas City Star, which professes to be strictly independent, objects to Senator Palmer for president because it would take a good Democrat out of the senate. The Star is unnecessarily nervous about this. In the first place, the senator, true to his present party predictions, would not resign his seat in the senate, if he were nominated, until after the election, and in the second place, he would not be elected to make his resignation necessary.

The "hounding" between the Cleveland and Hill factions in the Democratic party has already reached the state of maul that calls forth such felicitating titles for each other as political refugees, thugs, stink-pots, etc. With the promise of such companionship as that and their refining and elevating influence, it would not be surprising if the masses of the people, regardless of past party affiliations, should rush to the Democracy in a body.

It is Cleveland is not to be the candidate, says the Chicago Times, Gov. Boies of Iowa ought to be. The Times' idea is that, having been elected governor of Iowa twice, Boies could carry Iowa for the Democratic party for president. The Times have no doubt as to the idea that having been a Republican, Boies could lead hosts of that party into the Democratic camp. But the Times forget that Boies' successes in Iowa were the results of local issues that can have no bearing or effect upon the national campaign.

The ruinously low price of cotton now and for sometime past is accounted for, by a large operator and one who is presumed to know, upon the idea that speculation in the staple has ceased to a considerable extent. If that is true the Memphis Cotton Exchange are a set of clumps to be protesting against the passage, by congress, of any of the pending anti-option measures. The cause assigned by the operator quoted above may be true, in part at least, but if so the speculation has ceased because the overproduction of the staple so reduced the margin of profits that the traders were forced into other fields. The Memphis people are evidently hoping for a much less yield of cotton this year, which will open the way for a return of profitable speculation.

JANUARY FIRES.

January has a somewhat unenviable reputation among the months for the destruction of property by fire that it witnesses, and January of 1892 has been especially true in that respect to the record of January character.

Here, according to the New York Commercial Bulletin, are the respective losses by fire during the month in question for the last three years:

January, 1890.....\$ 9,170,000
January, 1891.....11,280,000
January, 1892.....12,294,000

From which it will be seen that the loss in January of the present year is greater by \$1,324,000 than it was in January, 1891, and \$3,380,000 greater than it was in January, 1890.

The number of fires during the month was 255, divided according to destructiveness thus:

\$10,000 to \$20,000.....100
20,000 to 30,000.....45
30,000 to 40,000.....25
40,000 to 50,000.....20
50,000 to 100,000.....15
100,000 to 200,000.....11
200,000 to 500,000.....7

Total.....255
The seven fires that resulted in losses each transcending \$200,000 in value were these:

Nashville, Tenn., several large stores.....\$362,000
Columbia, Mo., State University.....350,000
New York City, Van Tassel's grain elevator.....250,000
New York City, Union square fire.....250,000
Pine Bluff, Ark., several business houses.....246,000
Cleveland, O., dry goods store and other.....214,000
Chester, S. C., cotton factory.....230,000

And not only have the January fires been more destructive than usual, but the insurance feature of them has been more pronounced and more striking than ever. The entire \$12,304,000 worth that went up in smoke is said to have been fully covered by insurance, so that the insurance companies received little, if any, assistance from the owners of the property in bearing the loss.

This is hard on the companies as it is lucky for the owners, and the expectation is general that it will lead to a considerable contraction, if not to an entire cessation, of operation on the part of some of the insurers.

The farmers of Georgia are unquestionably the most enterprising of any in the southern states. They are the first to take steps towards lessening the cotton area with a view to relieving the distress incident to overproduction of the single crop, cotton. To do this the Georgia farmers are planning for a diversity of crops, with a strong inclination to vegetables and fruits. In some portions of the state they have been successful in raising more grain and live stock. It is calculated that enough provision crops will be raised this year to supply the state's demands. Many planters, however, will be forced to stick to cotton, being compelled to have advances of money and provision with which to produce a crop, and cotton being the only crop upon which they can secure such assistance.

There appears to be a fresh and concerted movement among the anarchistic element throughout Europe. Reports from almost every country on the continent tell of attempts upon the lives of public officials. Despite the rigorous laws and their vigorous enforcement against the troublemakers of the peace and safety of the ruling classes, the troubles and hazards increase. The conditions there present a serious problem. The prosecution of offenders seems to make them more determined and adds to their numbers, and yet, if the prosecution should be relaxed and the close surveillance of the movements and plans of the conspirators were withdrawn, the viciously inclined would no doubt take advantage of it and inaugurate a reign of terror. Evidently the mission of the church has not yet been accomplished on the earth.

The little decoy duck set afloat by Manager Morris of the lottery concern, in the shape of a declaration of the proposed charter extension, has not had the desired effect of uniting the warring factions in the Louisiana Democracy, as was hoped, and now Governor McEnery, the candidate for governor put up by the "straight" wing, offers to withdraw as a candidate in the interest of harmony. So far the anti-lottery wing of the party have refused all overtures and having brought the "straights" to their knees the anti-lottery wing is unquestionably down and the anti-lottery intend to keep it down, party or no party.

The electrical mode of executing criminals in New York is no sooner pronounced a success and satisfactory than a fresh crusade is started against it. Assemblyman Stein, who witnessed the execution of Murderer McElvaine at Sing Sing has introduced a bill in the New York legislature providing for a return to the rope and gallows system of execution. The bill is said to be supported by many newspapers of the state, but this is not probable, inasmuch as the objectionable feature of the original law, that excluding newspaper representatives from witnessing such executions and prohibiting the publication of reports of them in the papers, has been removed.

Striking an Average.
From the St. Louis Republic.

The whisky trust has put down the price of whisky 2 cents a gallon, just after the sugar trust put up sugar an eighth of a cent a pound. This even thing up, especially for Kansas and Maine, where prohibition makes them glad to get their whisky without sugar.

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CROWD YOUR WAY.

Crowd your way, or you'll be hustled To the rear, as sure as fate. For this world is moving forward— It won't do to stop and wait.

Crowd your way, tho' stormy weather Cross your path, and winds may blow; Trim your sails, but hold the tiller, They may help you on, you know.

Crowd your way, altho' the darkness Close around your pathway drear; Feel your path, but press right onward— The darkest hour's when day is near.

Crowd your way, but leave no duty By the wayside, all undone; For the ones who follow after, Just have time to do their own.

Crowd your way but still remember There's a part you tread alone; Gather up no dross in passing— You must yield it up full soon.

Crowd your way, tho' it be narrow, And your labors low and few; Take this thought forever with you— None else can your duty do.

Crowd your way, with loving lit; Be a lamp and not a stone; You may light some other thro' it, Who without you, were undone.

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"He thinks he's thinking," quietly remarked the wit.

A reporter for a New England paper was canvassing congress last week to see how it stood on the tobacco habit. Late in the evening he ran across Jerry Simpson.

"Mr. Simpson," asked the scribe, "how does the Alliance stand on the tobacco habit?"

"We are for it, young man."

"For it, Mr. Simpson?"

"Yes, sir, the Alliance only got one place here in the distribution of snags—and if it hadn't been for the tobacco habit, Mr. Foster, one of our leading lights, would either have had to starve or walk home."

FREE WOOL.
From the Times Capital.

Now that the free traders in Congress have agreed upon a bill reducing the tariff on wool it is to be hoped that they will gratify the natural curiosity of the people by stating their reasons for introducing the proposed measure. It is certainly not an act of unfeelingness to the wool growers and woolen manufacturers, but there is not an industry asking for an amendment of a schedule. It is not at all impossible, in fact it is quite characteristic, that the free traders on the ways and means committee may be impelled by a feeling that they know more about the interest of the manufacturers than the manufacturers themselves know, but that is a conceit that will be knocked out of them next November.

Cold Springs is the name of a new town started in the Iowa country, twenty-two miles east of Guthrie.

It is not an issue.

The Topeka Capital says the young Republican party is a prohibition plank in the next state Republican platform—El Dorado Republican.

It is also for nominating a resubmissionist for governor—Freeman Vm.

Resubmission is not an issue in Kansas, and cannot be made one, except so far as it is connected with the calling of a constitutional convention.

The last legislature provided that the people of Kansas should vote, next November, on whether or not to have a new constitution; and at that election it will be determined whether or not the people shall be permitted to again vote on prohibition.

The editor of the Freeman Vm well knows that prohibition has been, and is the fixed policy of this state; and he also knows that because of the vote to be had upon the calling of a constitutional convention, there is not, and cannot be a direct issue made for or against resubmission.

Besides all this, the Republican party, having adopted prohibition, it is not going to get up a row over it this year. The Republican party, in its platform, and in its statutes, and the wise thing to do is to let it alone, except as it becomes necessary to amend the law from time to time. To make it more effective. Political prohibition is not in this year. We are Republicans and we know we can well favor the enforcement of the laws, just as we find them.

A man's loyalty to the Republican party, his integrity, and his capability are the only tests as to his availability as a Republican candidate.

The man who will be nominated for governor by the Republicans of Kansas, at the coming state convention, will not only have an oath to enforce all the laws, but he will do it promptly and cheerfully, he will take the oath and obey it to the letter, he will be a farmer, lawyer, doctor, preacher or editor.

The Republican party does not make religious belief, occupation, profession or individual opinion a political test.

It is the duty of a patriotic party, and the rule of its life has been to require of its political officials the vigorous enforcement of all the laws; and no Republican official has ever hesitated a moment in obeying this mandate; and any suggestion that any man who loves his party and his state will attempt to do otherwise, is unkind as well as unfaithful to a large body of voters who are Republicans and will remain Republicans to the end, if permitted to do so.

However we are solid for Murdock.
From the Dighton Journal.

We have always said that when the time came that the western counties, which were long kept from a voting voice in our state legislature, had a local right to vote in our law-making council, through their representatives, the east would not be able to find a way by which she could be good enough to us. We, however, have been a little disappointed in this respect, for we now catch them trying to play a confidence game on us. The whole east has flocked together in support of M. M. Murdock, of Wichita, for governor and say in one breath, "George should be recognized by giving to her the gubernatorial honor." Now by reference to a state map it will be easily observed that Wichita is situated considerably east of the central division of the state, but close to the line of the dividing line to the west, and imagine we will know no better because Wichita is in the Seventh congressional district, which extends over the entire southwest portion of the state. Not much, gentlemen, for it is not in the state map. Mr. Murdock can be counted as a south-central candidate, but as a western, never. However, notwithstanding this fact, the west will give him her solid support, for he is far removed from the east, and it is hoped to secure an election at the present time.

The Man and Not the Paper.
From the Burrton Graphic.

There is hardly a newspaper in the state which has not more or less to say regarding the candidacy of Colonel Marsh Murdock for governor of Kansas. Different opinions have been expressed by different political organs, nearly all of which the colonel has published in his Eagle, but among all their criticisms we have not noticed one reflecting on his ability to care for the duties of the office.

A Cherokee strip meeting was held at Arkansas City Tuesday night. It petitioned congress to open the strip immediately.

Edmond Sun: Every time a reception has been tendered Governor Say it has rained. Would it not be a good idea to arrange for a series of receptions during the coming season?

Bishop Meerschmitt will visit in the western part of the territory. He will journey at El Reno, Kingfisher, Hennessey and other towns and all the schools and churches in the western reservations.

NOT QUITE SO FAST.
To the Editor of the Eagle.

The Kansas City Gazette announces that the comrades of Kansas City, Kan., are booming A. E. Coulter, of that city, for department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that, apparently, he has the field all to himself. Please say that the comrades of this part of the state, and other parts, too, are booming Comrade A. E. Coulter for department commander; and we think he will be elected, because his eminent fitness for the place commends him to every comrade. JOHN A. WALLACE.

EXCHANGE SHOTS.
That's What It Will Be.
From the Louisville Times.

There is no longer any appropriateness in denouncing it a wigwag. Let the structure to be erected in Chicago for the Democratic convention be christened the Tiger's Den, or the Cave of Adullam.

No Escape From the Tyrant Man.
From the New York Commercial Advertiser.

If Belva Lockwood were compelled by unfortunate circumstances to bring a libel suit she would at once be confronted by the difficulty of securing a jury that would be entirely satisfactory.

"Ben" Can Lick "Em.
From the Sioux City Times.

It is indeed an affliction to the Republican party which every member will take as a personal affliction.

James G. Blaine could easily have been elected president.

President Harrison, who will unquestionably be the candidate, can defeat any Democrat.

Very Like.
From the Lawrence Journal.

A lawbreaker whose specialty was finding stolen property, was robbed in New York of \$2,000 and some silverware. She once lived in the police station for her. This is very like the Democratic party. It can tell the Republican party just how everything should be done, but when it comes to doing things itself it falls down as badly as the lawbreaker.

Wheat Prospects in Cowley.
Although the acreage of wheat sown in this vicinity last fall is below the average, the recent rains and favorable conditions generally have put the growing plant in such good shape that an average yield is predicted. A Despatch representative interviewed a number of farmers living in different directions from Arkansas City, and their reports are mostly in line with the above.

Pratt in It.
From the Pratt Times.

The railroad here, extended the demands made by the growers of Hutchinson, Wichita, Salina and Arkansas City, giving these towns the same rate on sugar, coffee, canned goods and beans.

The Kansas City and other Missouri river towns. The effect of this is that Pratt merchants can now buy goods as cheap or cheaper, freight considered, at Wichita than they can at Kansas City.

Democratized His Ability.
From the Alliance Inter-Opinion.

Marsh Murdock's boom for governor has a start that will take something besides wind and water to stop it. As editor of the Wichita Eagle, he has fully demonstrated his ability to make a good governor.

The Old Crowd's Opposition.

From the Hastings Dispatch.
While the Murdock boom for governor appears to be quite generally over the state at the present time, yet it will be found before convention time arrives that he has a great deal of opposition to contend with. It will take hard work to secure the nomination. This is not saying, however, that he would not make a good governor.

The Crest of the Wave.
From the Salina Journal.

Opponents of Murdock say his boom has subsided. Not so; booms, like other things go in waves. The tide is on the rise, and on the crest of the last wave shall ride safely into the governor's chair, Marshal M. Murdock, of Seligwick county.

Stacked Hay Before the Fellow Was Born.
From the Caldwell News.

The People's Voice objects to Marsh Murdock because he doesn't have hayseed in his hair. This is a serious mistake on the part of Murdock and the sooner he runs his head into a hay stack, or goes to feeding steers the better for his chances.

They are Identical.
From the Barton County Banner.

M. M. Murdock of the Wichita Eagle, is receiving quite a boom as a candidate for governor. We are not personally acquainted with the old man, but if he is anywhere near as good as his paper, he'd make Kansas a good governor.

Oklahoma's Good Will.
From the Edmond Sun.

If some Oklahoma people had as much to do with Kansas politics as some Kansas people have to do with Oklahoma's world fair exhibit, Marsh Murdock would be governor of that state this fall.

More Truth than Poetry.
From the Junction City Enterprise.

Boch, of the Marion Record, thinks that it takes more brains to run a paper like the Wichita Eagle than it does to be a good governor. The idea contains more truth than poetry.

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Murdock's gubernatorial boom is still on, and the "saw" man from Wichita will be strictly in it to a finish.

Let's see! Who's the other candidate for governor of Kansas besides Marsh Murdock?
From the Dighton Journal.

Marsh Murdock will certainly get the nomination for governor.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES.
El Reno expects a land office inside of six weeks.

At a depth of 125 feet a well at Guthrie struck coal.

F. R. Gammon is spoken of as world's fair commissioner.

Hay is shipped from Oklahoma to southern ports on the Gulf.

An Episcopal organization is to be formed at Stillwater.

The Cheyenne and Arapahoe allotting agents are working hard.

There is some little begging in Oklahoma at present, but not much.

Saturdays and Mondays are the biggest days of the week in Oklahoma.

The first prisoner caged in the new jail at Norman broke jail and got away.

El Reno will go down in history as having one of the best lot jumps on record.

"The first baby born in Oklahoma will soon be 3 years old and big enough to wear pants and boots."

Governor Say says if there is any pressure for a special session of the legislature it has not made itself manifest.

George McClintock, editor of the Yukon Courier, is a graduate of a Keeley cure institute and he don't care who knows it.

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